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SUBJECT: UKRAINE WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON UPCOMING
ANTI-ISRAEL UNGA VOTES (C)

REF: A. STATE 176793

1B. STATE 178061

Classified By: Political Counselor Kent Logsdon for reasons 1.4(b,d)

11. (U) On October 26, 2006, we delivered points in reftels to Andriy Beshta of the MFA UN directorate.

12. (C) Mr. Beshta said Ukraine would "not support" the UNGA resolutions on the situation of human rights and children in Lebanon described in reftel A.

13. (C) Mr. Beshta also stated that Ukraine would again abstain on the resolutions extending the mandates of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Division for Palestinian rights, and the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories described in reftel 1B. Mr. Beshta noted that Ukraine's voting pattern is in line with those of EU states. He also stated that Ukraine has been a member of the first committee mentioned above since the 1970's -- a legacy of the Soviet period -- and had voted 'yes' on extending the mandates until 2003.

14. (C) Mr. Beshta told Poloff that Israel has asked Ukraine to withdraw from the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Although Ukraine does not support the work of the Committee it has concluded that withdrawal would not aid Israel much and would unduly complicate Ukraine's relationship with Arab countries.

15. (U) Visit Embassy Kyiv's classified website:
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